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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS OF WEEKEND PRESS

1. IN ADDITION TO LARGELY UNINFORMATIVE LAST-MINUTE SPECULATION ON NEW GOVERNMENT, FOLLOWING ARE POINTS OF INTEREST IN THESSALONIKI WEEKEND PAPERS:

2. EDITORIAL IN "ELLINIKOS VORRAS" OF SEPTEMBER 30 BY OUTSPOKEN CHIEF EDITOR KYROU SHARPLY CRITICIZES ALBANIAN FIRST SECRETARY ENVER HOXHA FOR ALLEGED SUPPORT OF TURKISH POLICY ON CYPRUS. EDITORIAL REFERS TO RECENT REPORT, PUBLISHED IN TURKISH PAPER "MILLET", IN WHICH HOXHA REPORTEDLY ADVOCATES "CAPTURE OF ISLAND BY TURKS". KYROU URGES GREEK DEMARCHE TO ALBANIANS AND ASKS RHETORICALLY WHY GREECE RESTORED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH "SHAMEFUL REGIME OF SLAVERY". EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT "ONLY ONE REGIMENT" WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR "LIBERATION OF NORTHERN EPIRUS".

3. LEAD EDITORIAL , ALSO BY KYROU, IN SAME ISSUE OF "VORRAS" AGAIN CRITICIZES GOVERNMENT LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 128 ON NEW PENSION PLAN. ARTICLE, ENTITLED, "UNITED BY MONEY, DIVIDED IN BATTLE", SATIRIZES FORMER POLITICIANS WHO ACCEPT PENSION

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BUT REFUSE TO SUPPORT NEW GOVERNMENT. KYROU ACCUSES SUCH

PERSONS OF BEING "INFLEXIBLE IN POLITICS, BUT FLEXIBLE ABOUT
POCKETBOOK".

4. "VORRAS" OF SEPTEMBER 30 ALSO REPORTS MEETING HERE PREVIOUS
DAY ON LOCAL STUDENT DEMANDS BETWEEN MINED GANDONAS AND
STUDENT UNION REPRESENTATIVES. ACCORDING TO REPORT, STUDENT
DEMANDS CENTERED ON EXAMINATION AND MAKE-UP PROCEDURES AND
GANDONAS PROMISED TO QUERY OTHER GREEK UNIVERSITIES OCTOBER 1
PRIOR TO DECISION.

COMMENT: THIS FIRST SIGN OF LOCAL STUDENT ACTIVITY THIS ACADEMIC
YEAR. MAKE-UP EXAMS FOR FAILURES DURING PAST YEAR SCHEDULED
TO BEGIN EARLY OCTOBER AND ALL REGULAR CLASSES TO RESUME NLT
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